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 Hideaki OKAMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4226  
 Application No.: 10/720,197 : Group Art Unit: 2814  
 Filed: November 25, 2003 : Examiner: Dilinh Nguyen

**For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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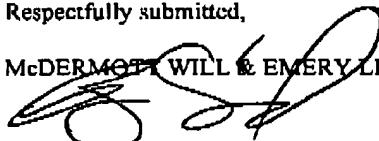
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 11, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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